

(b) The information the number of post offices opened during 1996-97, postal circle-wise is given in the Statement - I enclosed. The information on the number of telegraph offices and combined offices opened during 1996-97, State-wise, is given in the statement-II enclosed.

(c) and (d) Post Offices are opened subject to norm based justification and availability of resources and targets.

There is no policy of the Department of Telecom to provide Telegraph facility in every Gram Panchayat, as it is provided on the basis of demand, and justification of volume of traffic.

Statement I

Details of number of Post Offices opened during 1996-97 (Postal-Circle-Wise).

Sl. No.	Name of Circles	No. of Post Offices opened during 1996-97
1.	Andhra Pradesh	12
2.	Assam	14
3.	Bihar	36
4.	Delhi	4
5.	Gujarat	34
6.	Haryana	3
7.	Himachal Pradesh	26
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	-
9.	Karnataka	27
10.	Kerala	6
11.	Madhya Pradesh	26
12.	Maharashtra	31
13.	North-East	6
14.	Orissa	12
15.	Punjab	11
16.	Rajasthan	18
17.	Tamil Nadu	10
18.	Uttar Pradesh	47
19.	West Bengal	5
Total :		328

Statement - II

Number of Post and telegraph Offices opened during 1996-97. State-wise.

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of Telegraph Offices	No. of Combined Post & Telegraph Offices
1.	Andhra Pradesh	-	-
2.	Assam	-	-
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-
4.	Bihar	-	-
5.	Delhi	1	-
6.	Gujarat	-	1
7.	Goa	-	-
8.	Himachal Pradesh	-	15
9.	Haryana	-	-
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	-	20
11.	Kerala	-	-
12.	Karnataka	-	5
13.	Madhya Pradesh	-	139 (GPTd.)
14.	Maharashtra	1	1
15.	Manipur	-	-
16.	Meghalaya	-	-
17.	Mizoram	-	-
18.	Nagaland	-	-
19.	Orissa	1	238
20.	Punjab	-	-
21.	Rajasthan	-	8
22.	Sikkim	1	-
23.	Tamil Nadu	-	6
24.	Uttar Pradesh	-	-
25.	West Bengal	-	-

[English]

Intent Telephony System

3731. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) since when the Intent Telephony System introduced in Delhi;

(b) whether this system has been resulted in a loss of revenue worth crores of rupees since the year of its introduction;

(c) if so, the reasons led to the losses;

(d) whether the bottlenecks have been identified; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to plug the loop and avoid any loss of revenue?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Sir, there is no Intent Telephony System in Telecommunications.

(b) to (e) Does not arise in view of (a).

Telephone Connections to Doctors

3732. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any time limit has been fixed by the Government to provide telephone connection to doctors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of applications from doctors pending with the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited for more than one year with reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which these applications are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) Sir, doctors are being provided telephones under OYT as well Non-OYT, Special category registration. The time limit for provision of new Telephone connection is within 15 days of the issue of OB; subject to the area being technically feasible.

(c) Sir, only ten (10) cases (OBs) are pending for more than one year with MTNL Delhi. The pockets/area being technically not feasible due to non-availability of under ground cable pairs.

(d) Efforts are afoot to clear these cases progressively by Dec. 1997.

[Translation]

Electricity Generated through Non-conventional Energy Sources

3733. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of electricity generated through non-conventional energy sources in Maharashtra;

(b) the locations of non-conventional energy plants in the State;

(c) whether some such more plants are proposed to be set up in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of more electricity generation expected therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b) A total capacity of about 23 MW has been installed in Maharashtra based on Non-Conventional Energy Sources. This includes a capacity of 5.37 MW from wind; 13.76 MW from biogas, biomass and bagasse cogeneration; 3.58 MW from small hydro; and 116 KW from solar energy. The locations of these projects are given in the Statement enclosed.

(c) and (d) Small Hydro projects of 8.7 MW capacity are under installation. Their locations are also given in the Statement enclosed.

Power projects based on non-conventional energy sources are taken up in the Govt. sector or as commercial projects. Further projects will depend upon the energy resource availability; techno-economic viability; and mobilisation of financial resources.

Statement

Location Details of Non-conventional Energy based Power Projects in Maharashtra

A. EXISTING PROJECTS

I. Bagasse cogeneration, biomass & biogas based power projects

Sl. No.	Name & Location	District	Capacity (MW)
1	2	3	4
1.	Shri Datta Shetkari Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Taluka : Shirol	Kolhapur	1.5
2.	Jawahar Shetkari Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd. Hapur Taluka : Hatkanagale	Kolhapur	1.5
3.	Deogiri Shetkari Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd. Taluka : Phulambari	Aurangabad	1.5
4.	Mazalgaon Shetkari Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd. Taluka : Mazalgaon	Beed	1.5
5.	Shri Adinath Shetkari Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Jeur Taluka : Karmala	Solapur	1.5
6.	Chopda Shetkari Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd. Taluka : Chopda	Jalgaon	1.5